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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Rather cold weather prevailed during the week over the eastern portion of the State, but some days were warm in the west. The first sub-zero temperatures of the season occurred Thursday night over the eastern portion of the State. Light to locally heavy snow fell over the eastern portion of the State, which strong winds drifted badly in places, but there was practically no precipitation in the west.

CROPS Corn picking was delayed somewhat further due to stormy weather. About 9% of the crop is still unharvested compared to 11% a week ago and 16% a year ago this date. Movement to market has been light because of bad roads, unsatisfactory price and a greater interest in corn loans. Weekly estimates of yields have held quite consistent for the past month, and quality is very good.

Winter wheat shows further improvement, having gained 1% in condition each week for the past month and stands three points higher now than it did a year ago this date. Several days of high winds in western Nebraska did some damage to wheat in southern Panhandle counties and a few southwestern counties. Part of the wheat in this area has not matted sufficiently to cover the ground. Snow in most of the eastern half of the State improved further the moisture situation for wheat going into the dormant stage. Last year wheat was much better in western Nebraska than in eastern Nebraska, but this year the situation is reversed. However, the outlook for winter survival in western Nebraska is much better than it was six weeks ago.

Farm work was somewhat at a standstill last week because of the stormy weather and either wet condition of the fields or snowdrifts. Most of the counties report a surplus of farm labor, but a shortage in a few of the counties, especially in Custer County, where help is needed to husk corn by hand. Bad roads, some still impassable, have slowed movement of grain and livestock to market.

Feed grains, hay and forage, are generally reported ample to surplus, with a few counties reporting a shortage. About 41% of the counties report range and pasture short and the balance ample. Precipitation and surface moisture is generally reported ample with some shortage and very little surplus. About one-third of the counties still report shortage of subsoil moisture and the balance an ample supply.

LIVESTOCK A few counties are reporting increased feeding operations, but in general the weekly reports have not shown any appreciable increase during the past month, but reports indicate increased activity in sheep and lamb feeding during the past week. Pasture shows a slight increase in condition, largely because of better wheat pasture in eastern Nebraska, while range condition dropped two points. (Issued by the Weather Bureau and the State and Federal Depts. of Agriculture.)

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 13, 1948.

Eastern Division

Grand Island	.16
Lincoln	.24
Norfolk	.21
Omaha	.14
Sioux City, Ia.	.12

Central Division

Burwell	0
North Platte	0
Valentine	0

Western Division

Chadron	0
Hayes Center	0
Scottsbluff	0
Sidney	0

A handwritten map of the United States, including Alaska and Hawaii, with various numerical data points and underlined labels. The map is divided into several rectangular regions. In the top left, there is a small box containing the number 30 underlined, followed by 0, 10, and 0. Below this, there are several 0s and another 0 underlined. In the top right, there are several 0s, 10s, and 20s, with some numbers underlined. In the center, there are several 0s, 10s, and 20s, with some numbers underlined. In the bottom left, there are several 0s, 10s, and 20s, with some numbers underlined. In the bottom right, there are several 0s, 10s, and 20s, with some numbers underlined. The map is labeled with 'T' and 'I' in several places. The text '(Underlined reports unofficial)' is written in the bottom left corner.

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		Dec.													
		7th		8th		9th		10th		11th		12th		13th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	33	10	36	16	32	8	31	25	47	27	48	16	58	--
	Scottsbluff	36	12	37	18	36	9	42	21	51	20	51	17	60	20
	Sidney	37	9	37	24	36	4	38	18	56	17	50	17	60	20
N-C	Burwell	--	11	37	15	24	--	18	-2	36	--	49	--	46	27
	Valentine	33	9	34	16	25	6	22	14	44	24	51	19	60	25
NE	Norfolk	29	9	25	6	21	13	19	-8	34	18	39	15	39	24
	Sioux City	30	9	21	3	23	18	21	-5	33	16	36	18	37	22
Cen.	Grand Island	31	10	35	16	25	8	19	-3	37	19	38	18	43	28
E-C	Lincoln	35	17	34	19	29	19	25	-5	36	28	37	22	42	36
	Omaha	35	17	31	14	29	21	23	-1	34	23	39	25	40	35
SW	Hayes Center	40	17	38	24	35	15	29	16	42	25	45	22	54	30
	North Platte	39	13	39	19	34	11	27	18	40	18	51	15	58	24

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